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SUMMARY: AS SA GAMES CONCLUDE, MINISTER OF SPORT SPEAKS OF DAWNING OF NEW ERA. AFRIKAANS AND ENGLISH PRESS OFFER INTERPRETATIONS OF POLITICAL MEANING OF GAMES, BUT ALL AGREE THEY GREAT SUCCESS, AND ACTIVELY PONDER QUESTION OF WHERE TO GO FROM HERE.

1. SUNDAY TIMES QUOTES MINISTER OF SPORT KOORNHOF IN SPEECH AT END- OF- GAMES CEREMONY AS SAYING: " WHEN I WAS A BOY I READ A BOOK CALLED " CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY.' WHAT I HAVE ALWAYS HOPED IS THAT IN MY OWN LIFETIME I WOULD EXPERIENCE A NEW ERA IN SOUTH AFRICA... I BELIEVE, HOPE, AND TRUST THAT THIS ERA WILL BE HAILED WITH THE WORDS: ' REJOICE THE BELOVED COUNTRY'." PRETORIA NEWS NOTED KOORNHOF COULD HARDLY HAVE MISSED IMPLICATIONS OF MAKING REFERENCE TO ALAN PATON' S NOVEL IN PRESENCE OF PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, AND MUSES THAT " IF DR. KOORNHOF IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECOMING IMBUED WITH THE SPIRIT OF " CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY'  
AND THE GAMES WERE A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF A MOVE IN A NEW  
DIRECTION THEN THERE IS CAUSE FOR HOPE."

2. COMMENTS BY AAU TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STAN  
WRIGHT THAT SA COMPETITORS SELECTED ON MERIT WOULD BE WELCOME  
IN US BUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO EXCHANGE OF ATHLETES UNDER  
PRESENT SITUATION REPORTED WIDELY, AND BOTH AFRIKAANS AND  
ENGLISH PRESS GENERALLY IN AGREEMENT THAT GAMES ALONE WILL NOT  
ENSURE RE- ENTRY INTO OLYMPIC OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.  
NONETHELESS, BOTH DESCRIBE GAMES AS " BREAKTHROUGH" AND " GREAT  
STEP FORWARD," EVEN THOUGH DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF JUST WHAT IT  
ALL MEANS ARE OFFERED. TRANSVALER CALLS GAMES " A SPECIAL  
COMPLIMENT TO THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT" AND ITS POLICY OF  
MULTI- NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IT CAUTIONS AGAINST JUMPING TO  
CONCLUSIONS, HOWEVER, POINTING OUT THAT THE GAMES HAVE PROVEN  
ONLY THAT " WHITE AND NON- WHITE CAN MEET AT AN INTERNATIONAL  
LEVEL...( BUT THAT) THERE WILL BE NO SUCH PARTICIPATION AT  
PROVINCIAL AND CLUB LEVEL..." VADERLAND GOES ONLY SO FAR AS  
TO NOTE THAT GAMES HAVE " DEMONSTRATED HOW WE CAN GO FORWARD  
ON THE PATH OF MULTI- NATIONALISM", BUT HAVE AT SAME TIME  
RAISED QUESTIONS WHICH CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED BY POSITIVE AND  
CLEAR GOVERNMENT DECISION: " OFFICIAL SILENCE WILL NOT BE AN  
ANSWER IN THIS CASE." SUNDAY TIMES, ON OTHER HAND, DESCRIBES  
GAMES AS " SOLID BLOW TO HEART OF APARTHEID," AND " GIANT LEAP  
FOR WHITE NATIONALISTS," AND SUGGESTS THAT REAL MEANING OF  
EXERCISE IS THAT " WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS, WITH A LITTLE MORE  
ENCOURAGEMENT, WOULD BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO VELIGTE GOVERNMENT,  
IF THEY WERE GIVEN IT, THAT ANYONE HAS GIVEN THEM CREDIT FOR  
SO FAR."

3. PRESS REPORTS KOORNHOF HAS INVITED RUDOLF OPPERMAN, PRESIDENT  
OF SOUTH AFRICAN OLYMPIC AND NATIONAL GAMES ASSOCIATION TO MEET  
WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN VIEW KOORNHOF HINTS AT  
" NEW ERA" AND OPPERMAN' S RECENT STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT SA  
SHOULD QUICKLY " CASH IN" ON GAMES SUCCESS, PRESS REGARDS  
MEETING AS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT.  
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